

Special points of interest:

- MVRC MTG SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 18th AT 1:30
- SHUTTLE SERVICE PLACED "ON CALL" DECEMBER 22nd
- CHECK OUT THE NEW COST PER MILE REPORT ON OUR WEBPAGE
- IT'S VEHICLE REPLACEMENT TIME AGAIN, CONTACT JIM COLBY FOR DETAILS

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DFO Receives Honda Award



Division of Fleet Operations Director, Steve Saltzgiver, was given the 2000 Honda Award at this year's National Conference of State Fleet Administrators (NCSFA) convention held in Lexington Kentucky October 24-28. Steve Ellis of the Honda Corporate Office, located in Torrance California presented the award to Saltzgiver. The Honda Award is given to Fleet Administrators that have made significant environmental changes to their fleet throughout the year. DFO was honored for the many efforts made to reduce pollutants throughout the State of Utah. Just a few of the environmentally sound programs DFO participates in are:

- Participation in the Salt Lake Chapter of the Clean Cities Coalition, of which the Division's Deputy Director, Margaret Chambers, is a member of the board. Ms. Chambers continually assigns DFO personnel to help with the

many Coalition projects that encourage awareness and use of Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFV).

- The development of a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling infrastructure in Northern Utah. There have been six new CNG fueling sites built by the State of Utah/Division of Fleet Operations. This adds to the more than 20 CNG fueling sites available to not only State vehicles, but vehicles owned by cities, counties, towns, local governments, some privately owned fleets and in some cases the public.
- DFO removed 414 aging Underground Fuel Storage Tanks (UST), and retrofitted more than 350 UST owned and operated by the State of Utah. This ten-year process has made ground water in Utah cleaner and safer for its citizens.
- Compliance with the Federal Mandates governing the purchasing of BI-fuel and dedicated AFV for use by State employees while conducting State business. In some instances, DFO has purchased more than the mandated amount of AFV.
- The State of Utah Motor Pool, a program under the supervision of DFO, offers a twenty-cent per gallon rebate to those agencies within the State that choose to use alternative fuels in the vehicles leased from the Division.
- Each February, DFO hosts the Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Education Day. The day's events include educational materials on AFV, ARide and Drive@ of State-owned AFV and seminars on how to fuel a CNG. The fuel seminars are also given throughout the year to requesting agencies.
- DFO offers shuttle services to State employees in the Downtown and South Valley areas of Salt Lake City. This not only reduces pollution in the city; it also reduces the number of vehicles on the road in a City undergoing major road repairs and construction. State shuttle vehicles are operated on Compressed Natural Gas.
- DFO encourages their employees to participate in flex-time work schedules, telecommuting and the use of mass transit. This again reduces congestion on Salt Lake City streets and the amount of pollution produced by vehicles.

This is the second year that Honda has presented this award, New York received the award during the conference last year. Saltzgiver is proud that the Division has accomplished such recognition and hopes to be considered for next year's award.

Kentucky Honors President (uh...I mean) Colonel Saltzgiver



Steve Saltzgiver

As part of the National Conference of State Fleet Administrators (NCSFA) convention, held in Lexington Kentucky, Division of Fleet Operations (DFO) Director Steve Saltzgiver was named NCSFA President. Saltzgiver proudly accepted the year-long position from the previous President, Joe O'Neill, who oversees the Fleet for the State of Arizona. Near the end of the ceremony, both men and Gaye Horton, who is also a member of NCSFA, were surprised when Kentucky Governor, Paul E. Patton, appeared and gave each of them a Kentucky Colonel Commission.

"This is really an honor, I had no idea this was going to happen," Colonel Saltzgiver said. "I was really flattered that Governor Patton would take the time to give me one".

The Kentucky Colonel Commission has a history reaching back to the beginning of the State back in the early 1800. At that time, a Kentucky Colonel was an actual cabinet position. However, in 1932, Kentucky Governor Ruby Laffoon established the "Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels". This would become a real "Who's Who" list of people from around the world who are making a difference. Other Colonels include Tiger Woods, President Lyndon B. Johnson, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Ann-Margaret and the first man in space, Astronaut John Glenn.

Saltzgiver was awarded the commission due to service and accomplishments on the behalf of others. He will be invited to an annual gathering of Kentucky Colonels where he can rub elbows with the other officers.

"I will display [the certificate] with pride on my wall. This is something not a lot of people get...and I am honored to have gotten one." Colonel Saltzgiver said.

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-Colonel Saltzgiver

Incentive Awards

This month marks the first of the Committee Awards given to Division of Fleet Operations (DFO) personnel. A Committee Award is a monetary award given in increments ranging from \$50.00 to 500.00 dollars for efforts in office improvements, cost saving for the Division and innovative ideas. Akemi Dean received a Committee Award for her part in the development of the Surplus tracking system PLUS. Mark Yeschick was honored for savings the Division money.

There was one Extra Mile Award given this month to Shaun Cook, given for his efforts in revamping the Capitol Shuttle Schedule. Extra Mile awards are monetary awards given in increments ranging from \$5.00 to \$50.00 for doing more than is required in any given task.

Recognition Awards are given to thank employees for a job well done, and going out of their way to be customer friendly. Recipients of this



Akemi Dean received a Committee Award for her efforts in creating the new surplus property tracking system.

award are given a colorful hand to display. When an individual receives seven hands they are given an option of a paid day off or \$100.00. This month's recipients are Paul Ferguson, Al Orwin, Tracie Brush, Lanna Harrison, Charlotte Wilkes, Karen Kraus, Angie Watson and Gary Robertson.

A "Team" Award, an equivalent to a Recognition Award, was given to the Motor Pool. Jim Colby, Al Orwin, Tracie Brush, Regina Dietrick, Paul Ferguson and Teresa Tuttle were honored after Division Director Steve Saltzgiver received a letter thanking the Motor Pool Team for their great customer service.

Congratulations to everyone that received an award this month.

To nominate someone you see doing more than their share, please fill out and submit this form

<http://fleet.state.ut.us/incentiveaward.html>.

Surplus Success . . .

Historic Heber Valley Railroad

The Heber Creeper was forced to discontinue operation after nearly 20 years of taking Utah residents, as well as visitors to the State, up the mountainside to view Utah from an 1800's perspective. The rail station sat empty for several years. There was even talk of tearing up the tracks. However, in 1992, a petition was presented to the State Legislature to re-open the historic railroad.

Heber Valley Historic Railroad Executive Director, Craig Lacey, explained that the Union Pacific Railroad had donated a steam engine to the State of Utah for display at the State Fairgrounds. The conditions of the donation prohibited the sale or disassembly of the engine for any reason.

"When some of the local people got together to petition the State Legislature [their position was] 'the State already owns this engine, it already owns the railroad line, why can't this be run as a State agency?'. The [Legislature] went along with it, made us eligible for surplus and we became the Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority, operating as a State Agency," Lacey said. "We've been struggling along since 1992, and to be honest with you, I don't think we would have been able to do it without being under the umbrella of the State and the Surplus Program. The Surplus Program built our shop."

In the surplus built shop, the railroad personnel have been able to restore two steam engines and a diesel engine, purchased through surplus, as well as refurbish several old passenger cars and transformed an old army flat car



Heber Valley Railroad Executive Director, Craig Lacey, shows of antique train engine that is maintained with equipment purchase through the State & Federal Surplus Property Program.

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into an open-air passenger car.

"The appropriations went into affect July 1, 1992. Mother's Day Weekend 1993 we were running trains. It would be extremely difficult, if not impossible to get things going without the Surplus Program," he said. "We just wouldn't be here without Surplus, at least not at the point we are now."

During the past eight years, the railroad has grown a little each year. Surplus items have enabled their personnel to

build equipment for fire fighting, a shop with heating, vehicles that can run on pavement as well as rail and a wheelchair lift. The railroad is currently building a new depot, which should be completed sometime in the spring of 2001.

For more information on the Heber Valley Historic Railroad and on both summer and winter trip schedules visit them at www.hebervalleyrr.org.

Hello...Goodbye

The Division of Fleet Operations (DFO) would like to welcome Dianne Davis. She comes to the Division from JP Realty where she has worked for two years as the Administrative Secretary and the Marketing Vice-President.

Davis decided to join DFO for several reasons including better benefits and a dislike of marketing. She has filled the position of Administrative Secretary vacated by Carol Law in November.



Davis tells us that her hobbies include playing with her four grandchildren, reading, dancing and being an avid Utah Jazz Fan.

"Not the music, the basketball team," she said.

DFO is bidding farewell to Roland Rasmussen. He accepted a position with the Motor Pool earlier in the year, when the position was transferred from the Department of Public Safety. He has recently accepted a position with the Utah Department of Transportation. We would like to wish him all the best in his new endeavors.



Auction Contract Awarded

After many years of the Surplus Property Program selling surplus State-owned vehicles, two pilot programs and a lengthy Request For Proposal (RFP) process, the Division of Fleet Operations/ Surplus Property Program announces that TNT Auctions has been awarded a two-year contract with the State.

TNT Auctions also sells surplus items for General Services Administration (GSA), Salt Lake County and many local cities.

According to the terms of the contract each State-owned vehicle will be held on a sale lot for a minimum of 30 days before going to auction. This will allow the general public the opportunity to purchase a surplus State-owned vehicle at a price according to Kelly Blue Book standards. The auction facility and sales lot are located at 2353 North Redwood Road.

TNT Auctions President Mike McKee said, "We are very happy to have been awarded the State of Utah Contract. This will fit in well with our other existing municipal contract in Utah."

The Division and the Surplus Program will send out announcements prior to any auction, which includes State-owned surplus vehicles.

For more information on TNT or to obtain a list of scheduled auctions visit them on line at www.tntauction.com.